

# Unplanned Intubations

Complication or just a matter of definition? One trauma centers wake-up call.

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# > The Problem

Alarms



## Actions

#### **Immediate Action**

- Unplanned Intubation Task Force
  - Anesthesia
  - Critical Care Intensivist
  - Nurse Educator
  - Respiratory Services
- Case Review
  - Patterns
  - Co-Morbidities
- Relentless discussion
  - Trauma Meetings
  - Department Specific Meetings
  - Identification of high risk patients



# Barriers

#### Lack of Brutal Honesty

- Hard to admit we had a problem,
- We had excuses
- Not agreeing with the definition



# Advantages

#### Failure is not an option

- Small institution
- Highly engaged Administration
- Employed physicians



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### Results that Last

#### Hardwiring these behaviors

- Open door policy with all staff.
  - Encourage them to share observations about what they are seeing in real-time on the front lines.
- Keep discussing it.
  - Don't let it become another flavor of the month.
- Continue to report progress.



## Lessons Learned

Define

Discuss

Don't be Discouraged

